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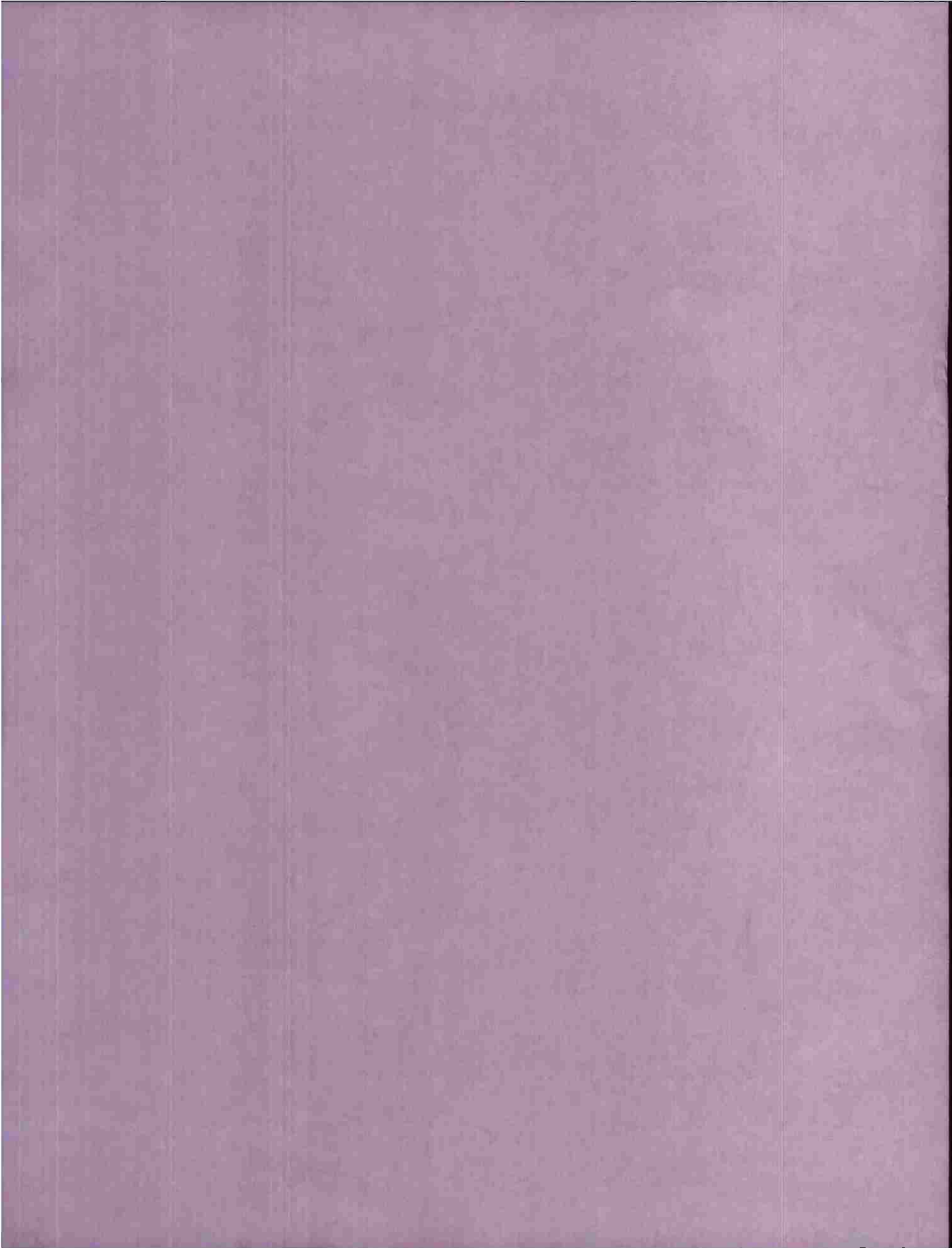
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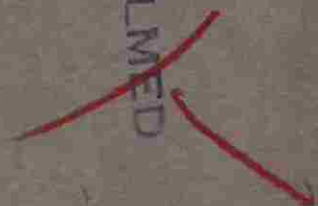
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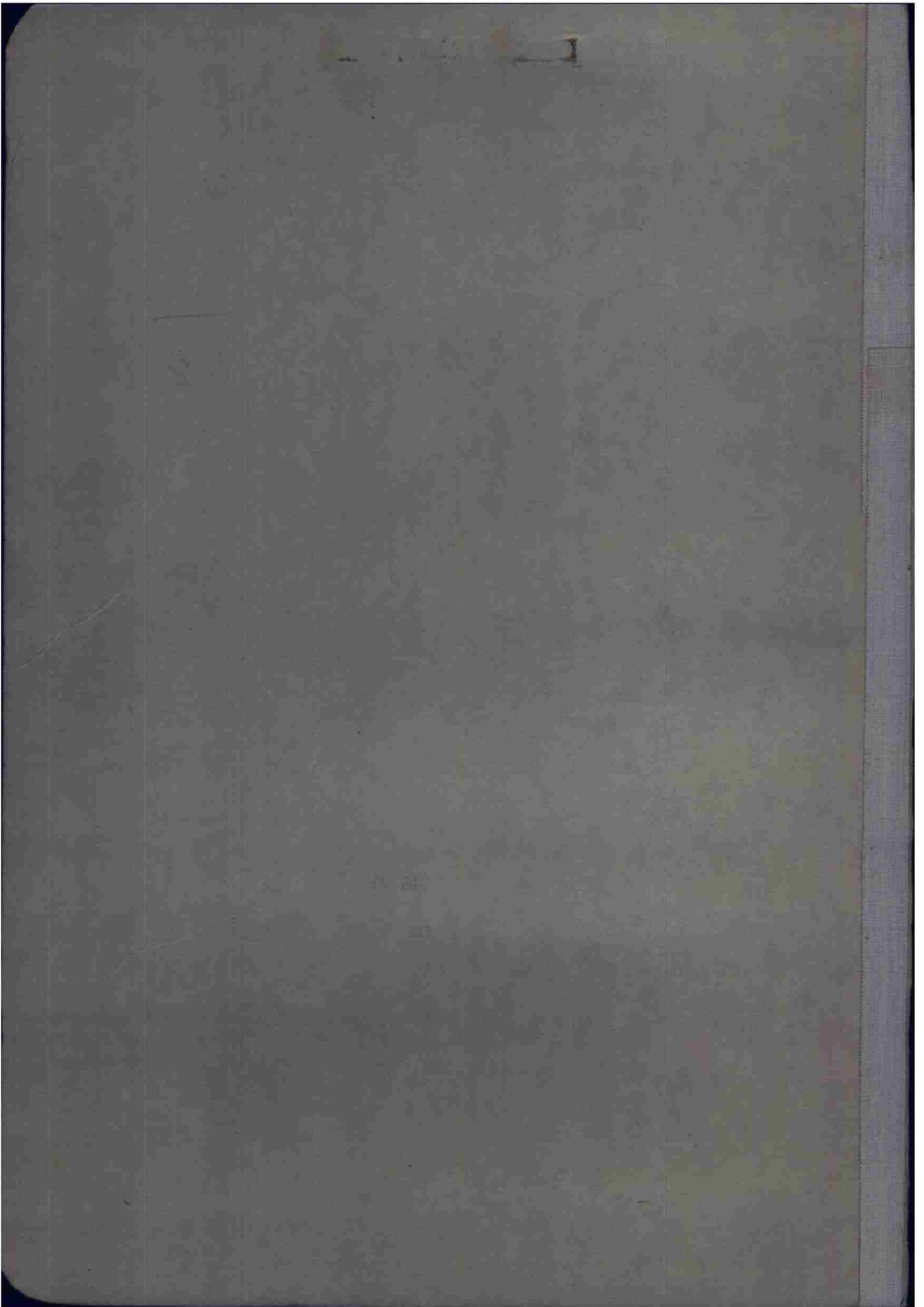
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GENERAL INDEXTarget Forêt De Conches Date 18/6/44 No. A/C 36 Mission # 79 FO 379status Abortive Brief Officer Lt. Mazaneo

1. IX BG Synopsis of Mission. ----- Filed
2. OpFlash Report. ----- Filed.
3. Telephone Report. ----- None Available.
4. Photos. ----- NONE
5. Field Orders, Annex's, Amendments. ----- Filed.
6. Briefing Notes. ----- None available.
7. Loading List of Airplane Crews. ----- Filed.
8. Chart of Route Flown - Flak. ----- None
9. Operations Oprep Report. ----- Filed
10. Bombing Information. ----- NONE
11. Mission Report-Aircraft. ----- None
12. E/A encountered. ----- None
13. Weather Reports. ----- Filed
14. Communication "YS" Report. ----- Filed.
15. Navigator's Log & Flight Plan. ----- None available.
16. Battle Casualties. ----- None
17. Analysis of Gunnery. ----- NONE
18. Ammunition Expenditure. ----- None
19. Recapitulation Forms. ----- None Filed

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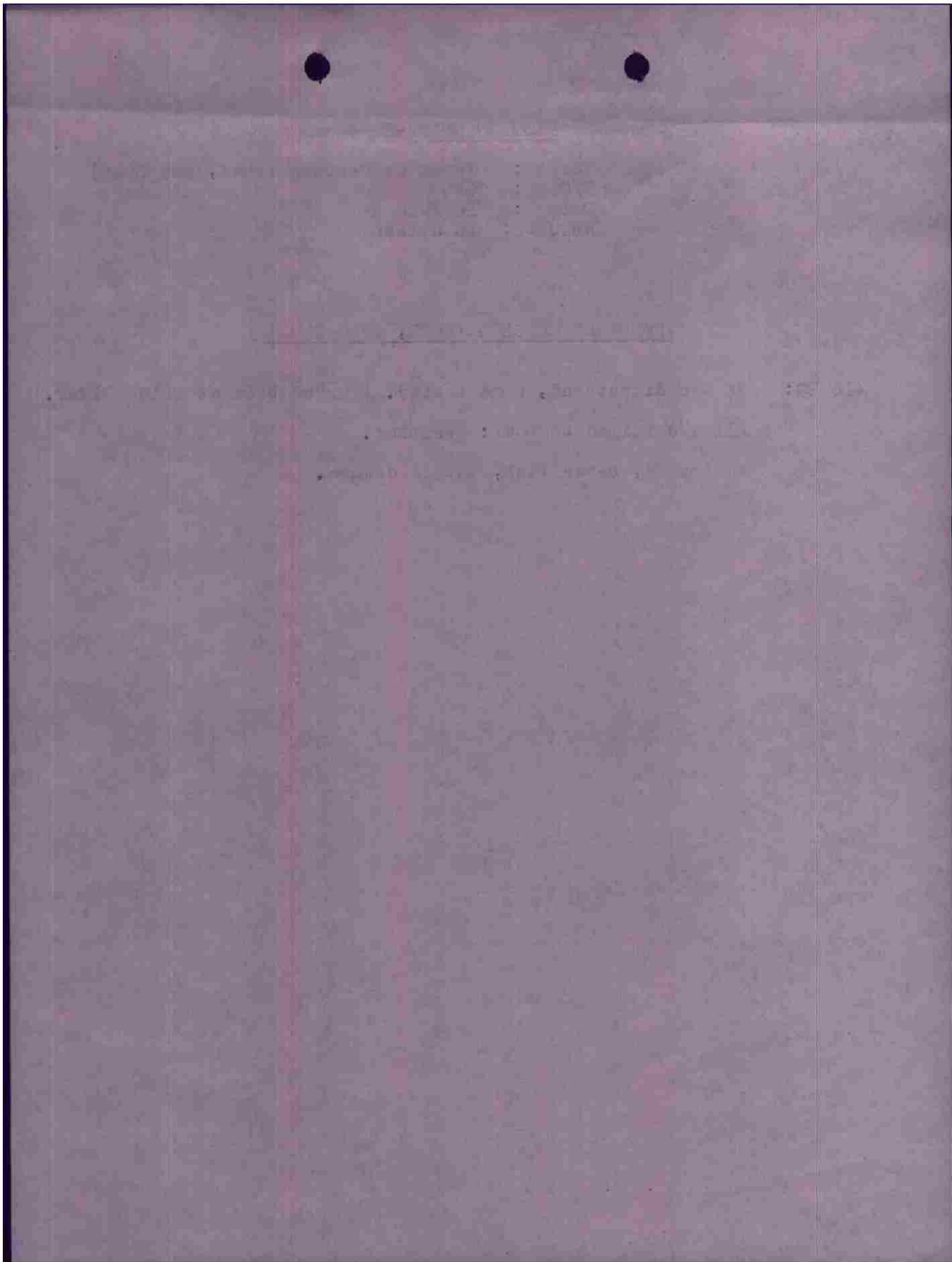
Target: Foret de Conches (Fuel, Ammo Dump)  
F/O : 379  
Date : 18 June 44  
Results: No attack

FORET DE CONCHES (FUEL, AMMO DUMP)

416 BG: 36 a/c dispatched, none bombed. (Turned back at Seine River.)

All a/c failed to bomb: weather.

No losses, casualties, battle damage.



OICOG OILAI V YAA YAA 4/18 OP  
 FROM 416TH BOMB GROUP KL) 18/1336B

TO IX BOMBER COMMAND ATTN: A-2  
 97TH COMBAT WING ATTE: A-2

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY U-241-D

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OPFLASH NO. 77 FOR 18 JUNE 1944.

- A. (1) FORET DE CONCHES.  
 (2) NO ATTACK.
- B. (1) 416TH BG  
 (2) 36 A-20'S  
 (3) NO ATTACK.
- C. (1) 0942.  
 (2) NO ATTACK.  
 (3) 1232
- D. (1) 0-0-0  
 (2) 0-0-0  
 (3) 0-0-0
- E. NO ATTACK.
- F. (1) (A) NIL  
 (B) NIL  
 (2) (A) NIL  
 (B) NIL
- G. NO OBSERVATIONS BECAUSE ENTIRE AREA UNDER TOTAL CLOUD COVER.
- H. (1) 10/10 CLOUDS. TOPS TO 5000 - VIS 10 PLUS.  
 (2) CLOUDS FROM 5 MILES OUT FROM FRENCH COAST INTO TARGET AREA.
- I. 14 X 500 JETTISONED IN M CHANNEL  
 164 X 500 RETURNED.
- J. NO ATTACK.

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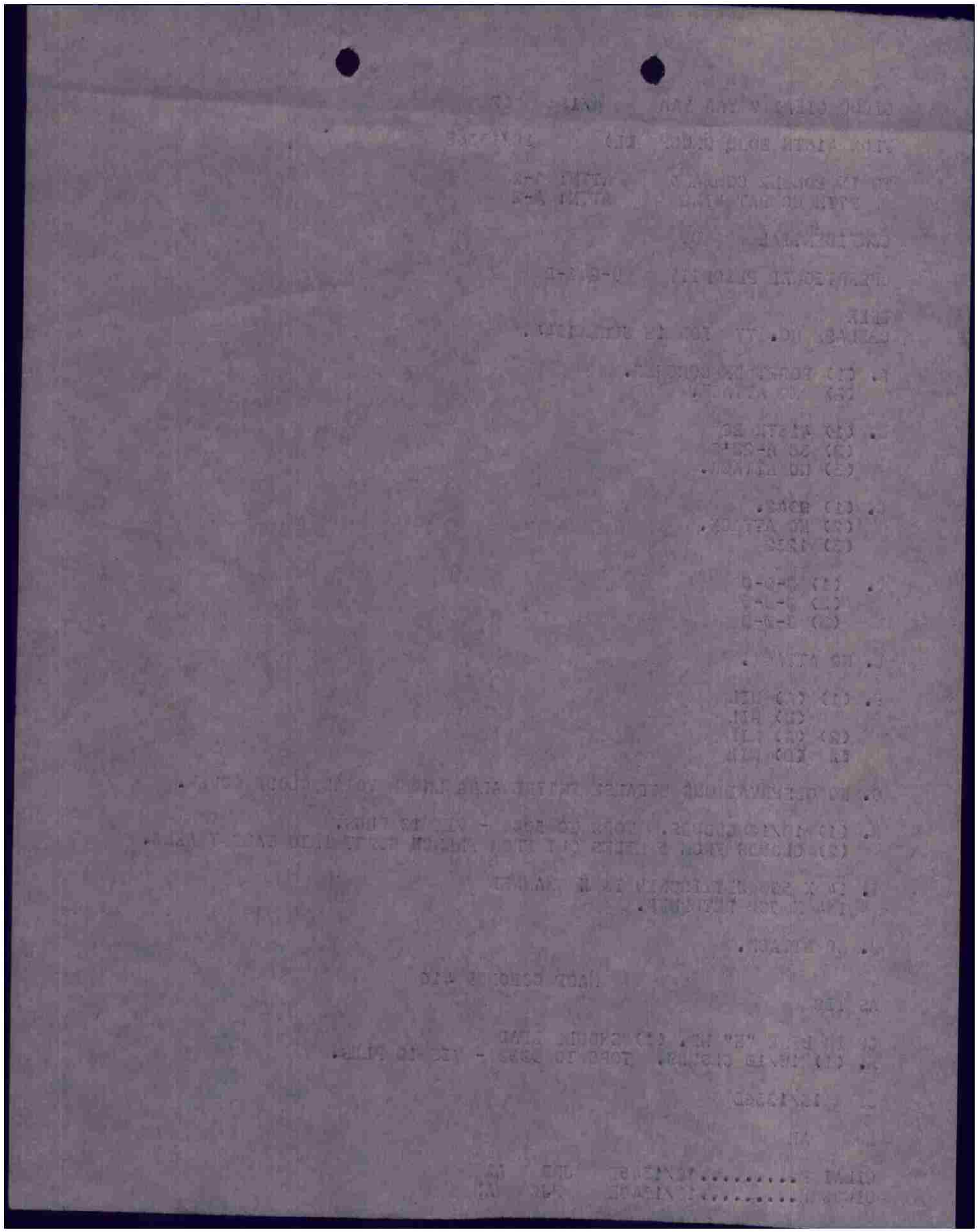
CC IN LINE "H" NR. (1) SHOULD READ  
 H. (1) 10/10 CLOUDS. TOPS TO 5000 - VIS 10 PLUS.

BT 13/1336B

EW AR

OILAI R.....18/1345B JMB AR  
 OICOG R.....18/1348B PJC AR  
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OICOG OIHAK OIYAA OIGOF V OILAI OILAI 02/18 OP  
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 18/0505B U-107-E  
 TO COMBOMCOM IX  
 409TH BOMB GROUP  
 410TH BOMB GROUP  
 416TH BOMB GROUP



OPERATIONAL PRIORITY BT  
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MAJOR CLARENCE S. TOWLES JR.

97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING  
 A P O 140  
 18 JUNE 1944

ANNEX NO. 1 TO F.O. NO. 38-379

5. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 409TH BOMB GROUP  
 (2) QUEENS HEAD  
 (3) ANGELA

B. 410TH BOMB GROUP  
 (2) JOLLEBOAT  
 (5) BULLET

C. 416TH BOMB GROUP  
 (2) WIDEWATER  
 (3) CHOPPER

X. (10) VTBA/VTBA  
 (11) BOX LEADERS WILL REPORT TO COMMAND CONTROL ON CHANNEL  
 "C" WHEN CLEARING TARGET AREA.

COCBTWIG 97

BT 18/0505B

AR

AS

LCB

OICOG R.....

OIHAK R.....18/0510B

JAB AR

OIYAA R.....0515B

CW AR

OIGOF R..... 18/0517B

SH AR



OICOG OIHAK OIYAA OF V OILAI OILAI 01/18 OP

FROM 97 TTTTT TTTTTTTTTT TTTT 5550605 U-106-E

TT TCOM IX  
 409TH GROUP  
 410TH BOMB GROUP  
 416TH BOMB GROUP

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 APO 140  
 18 JUN 3

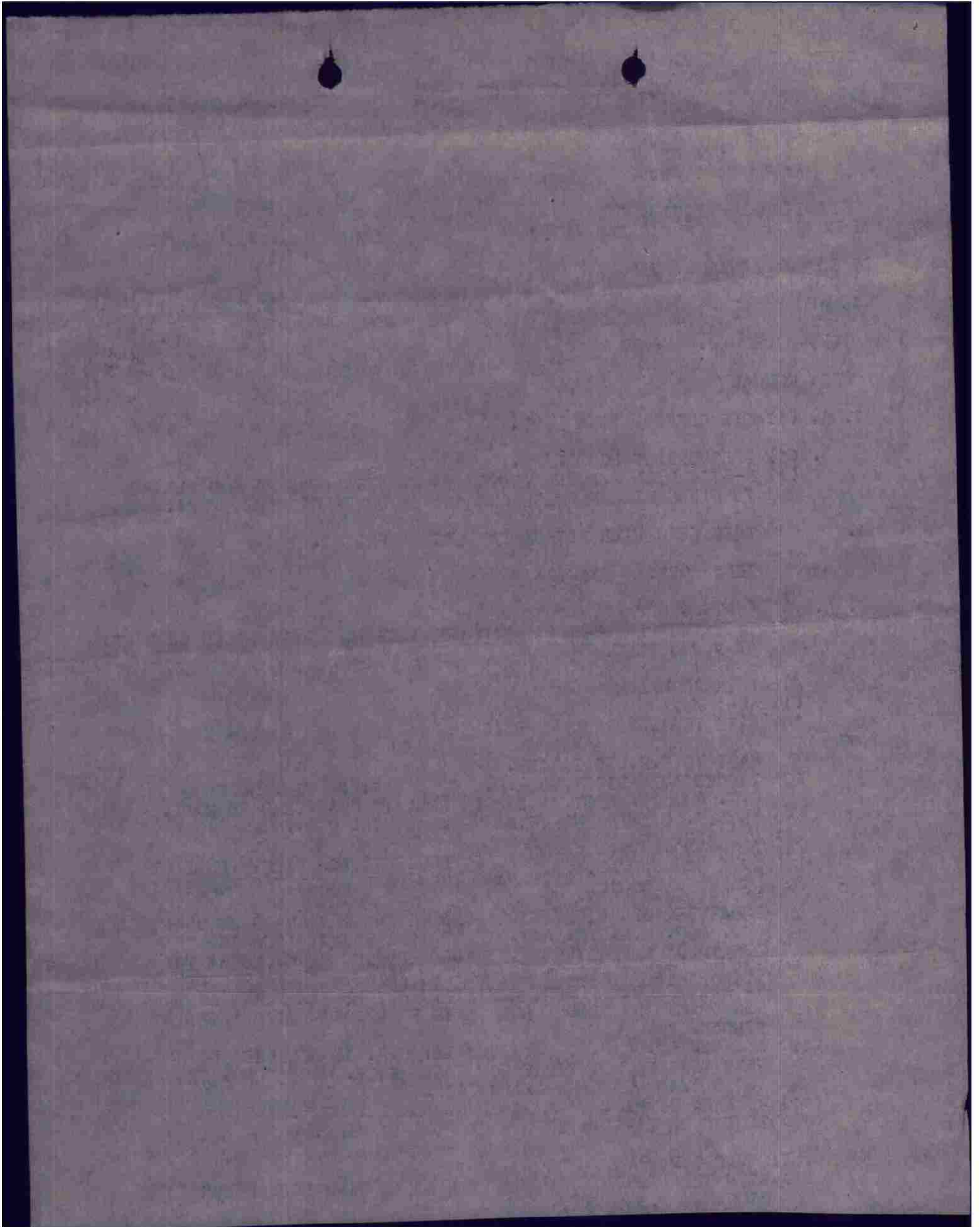


FIELD ORDER NO. 88-379

MAPS: NORMAL

1. A. (1) SEE CURRENT BOMB LINE.
- B. (1) SEE CURRENT BOMB LINE.
- (2) P-47'S WILL FURNISH ESCORT ON TARGET 4800/H/1 AND ALLIED FIGHTERS WILL FURNISH AREA COVER ON TARGET 4801W/H/1.
2. THIS WING WILL ATTACK TARGETS IN FRANCE.
- ZERO HOUR: 18/0900B
3. A. 409TH GROUP:
  - (3) WITH THUNDERBOLTS AT BEACHYHEAD AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 20 MINS. AT 9,000 FEET.
- B. 410TH GROUP:
  - (1) 4801W/22
  - (4) BASE TO GRAVESEND TO BRIG  $\begin{matrix} \text{HHH} & \text{HH} & \text{SE} & \text{HHNE} & \text{E} & \text{HHNE} & \text{HHHH} \\ \text{HHNE} & & \text{HH} & \text{SE} & \text{HHNE} & & \text{HHHH} & \text{HH} & \text{E} & \text{O} & \text{H} \end{matrix}$  HAST TO I.P. TO TARGET.
  - (5) TARGET TURN RIGHT TO R.P. TO 49 DEG. 08 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 00 MIN. WEST TO SELSEY BILL TO GRAVESEND TO BASE.
  - (7) 48 DEG. 43 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 16 MIN. WEST.
  - (8) 225 DEG.
  - (9) BOMB BY FLIGHTS OF 6 A/C BOMBARDIERS AIM FIRST BOMBS AT GRID COORDINATES GIVEN AND THEN DROP REMAINING BOMBS AT 3 SECOND INTERVALS.
  - REMAINDER OF FLIGHT WILL BOMB ON BOMBARDIER AS HE DROPS EACH BOMB. MAP. G.S.G.S. 4250 SHEET 7G/1 TARGET AREA IS AREA 200 YARDS ON EACH SIDE OF ROAD RUNNING FROM 928038 TO 902012. FIRST FLIGHT AND FOURTH FLIGHT AIM FIRST BOMB AT 911021. SECOND FLIGHT AND FIFTH FLIGHT AIM FIRST BOMB AT 919030. THIRD FLIGHT AND SIXTH FLIGHT AIM FIRST BOMB AT 928038.
  - (10) 6 X 500 LB. G.P. OR 4 X 500 LB. G.P. IF AIRCRAFT DO NOT HAVE WING RACKS. FIRST BOX FUSED INST. NOSE ONLY. SECOND BOX FUSED 1/10 NOSE AND 1/100 TAIL.
  - (11) 48 DEG. 51 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 53 MIN. WEST.
  - (12) TIME OVER TARGET: ZERO HOUR PLUS 20 MINS.
- C. 416TH GROUP:
  - (3) WITH THUNDERBOLTS AT BEACHY HEAD AT ZERO HOUR MINUS 30 MINS. AT 9,000 FEET.

at Bottom



- X. (1) TO (4) NO CHANGE.
- (5) A/C REQUIRED: 2 BOXES OF 18 EACH GROUP BOMBING BY FLIGHTS OF 6.
- (6) ALTITUDES: BOMB 12,000 FEET CROSS ENEMY COAST OUT 12,000 FEET.

PARAGRAPHS 3 A AND C.

- (7) TARGET: 4800/H/1 FORET DE CONCHES - FUEL DUMP
- (8) ROUTE OUT: BASE TO GRAVESEND TO BEACHY HEAD TO 49 DEG. 50 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 32 MIN. EAST TO 49 DEG. 26 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 37 MIN. TO 49 DEG. 02 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 08 MIN. EAST TO 48 DEG. 46 MIN. NORTH 01 DEG. 11 MIN. EAST TO I.P. TO TARGET.

- (9) ROUTE BACK: TARGET TURN LEFT TO R.P. TO 49 DEG. 40 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 10 MIN. WEST TO BEACHYHEAD TO GRAVESEND TO BASE
- (10) INITIAL POINT: 48 DEG. 44 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 56 MIN. EAST
- (11) AXIS OF ATTACK: 350 DEG.
- (12) AIMING POINTS: BOMBARDIERS AIM FIRST BOMBS AT REFERENCES GIVEN AND THEN DROP REMAINING BOMBS AT 3 SECOND INTERVALS. REMAINDER OF FLIGHT WILL BOMB ON BOMBARDIER AS HE DROPS EACH BOMB. ILL. 4800/11 FIRST AND FOURTH FLIGHTS OF EACH GROUP AIM FIRST BOMBS AT REF. 035045 SECOND AND FIFTH FLIGHTS OF EACH GROUP AIM FIRST BOMBS AT REF. 034070 THIRD AND SIXTH FLIGHTS OF EACH GROUP AIM FIRST BOMBS AT REF. 032094 TARGET AREA IS ENTIRE AREA (A) ON ILL. 4800/11
- (13) BOMB LOAD AND FUSING: 6 X 500 LB. G.P. OR 4 X 500 LB. G.P IF AIRCRAFT DO NOT HAVE WING RACKS. FIRST BOX OF EACH GROUP FUSED INST NOSE ONLY SECOND BOX OF EACH GROUP FUSED 1/10 NOSE AND 1/100 TAIL
- (14) RALLY POINTS: 48 DEG. 56 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 12 MIN. EAST

4. NO CHANGE

COCBTWIG 97

BT 18/0605B

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SS/LCB

OICOG R.....18/0633B MZ

OIYAA R.....18/ 0645B GP AR

OIGOF R.....

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OIGOF R.....58:TIC

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TIC W R U PLS KKK

CBTHIS OICOG

IMI PLS FIGS HERE DB

NEVER MIND KKR

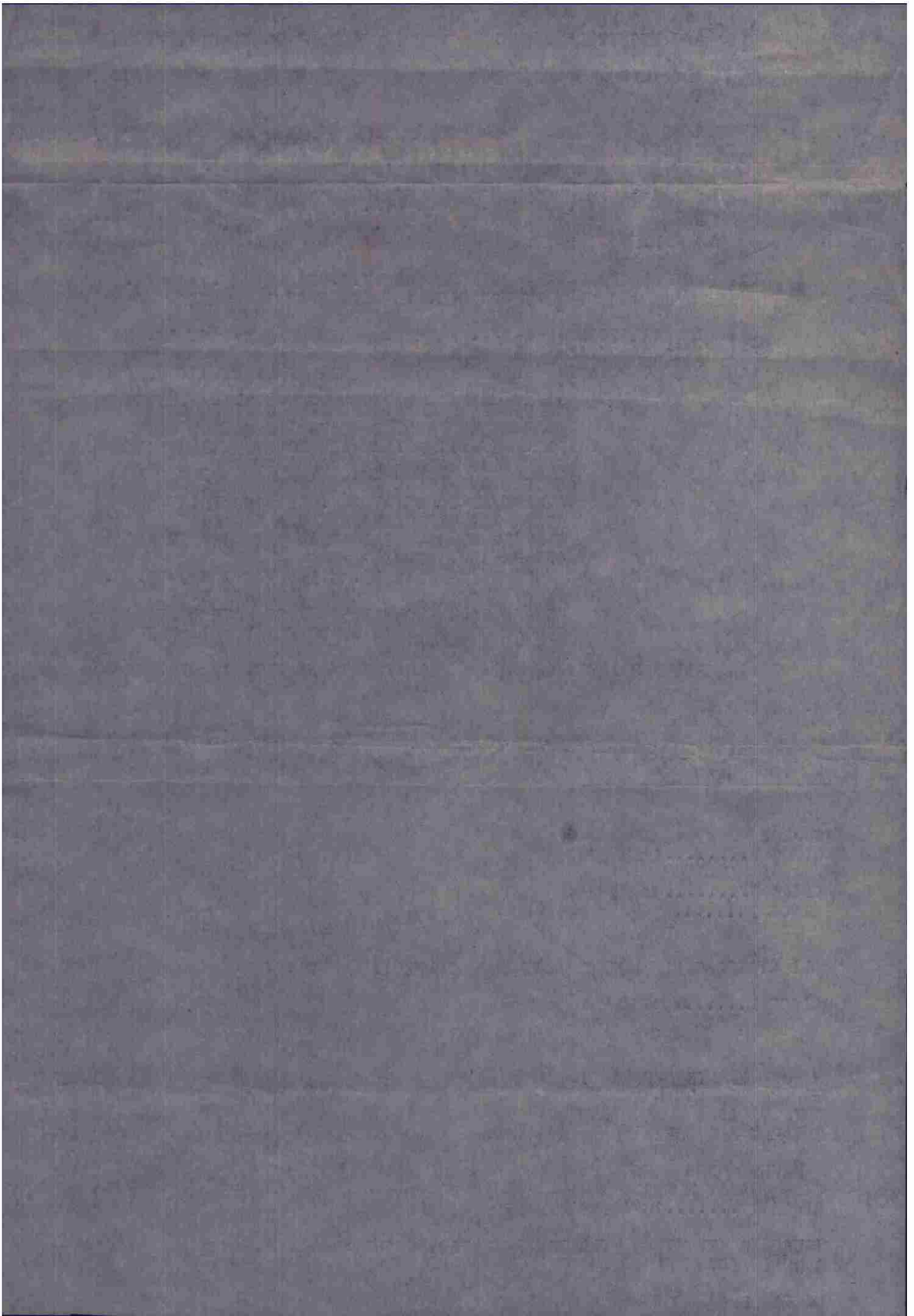
OK HAK T B F R

OIHAK R.....18/0637B FR AR

IAHAD A KEY STUCK WILL YOU RPT HEADING AND NR KKKK

4 UNDER (B) PLS

OK TIC PLS



OICOG OIHAK OIYAA OIGOF V OILAI OILAI 01/18 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 18/0605B U-106-E  
 TO COMBOMBOM IX  
 409TH BOMB GROUP  
 410TH BOMB GROUP  
 416TH BOMB GROUP

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97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING  
 A P O 140  
 13 JUNE 1944

FIELD ORDER NO. 88-379

MAPS: NORMAL

1.A. (1) SEE CURRENT AND SO ON TIC PLS

NOW GIVE ME NR4 UNDER PR PAR (B) PLS  
 TIC PLLL

BASE TO GRAVESESN

BASE TO GRAVESEND TO BRIGHTON TO 49 DEG. 19 MIN. NORTH  
 00 DEG. 00 MIN. TO 49 DEG. 00 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 03 MIN.  
 EAST TO I.P. TO TARGET.

TIC PLS

BASE TO GRAVESEND TO BRIGHTON TO 49 DEG. 19 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 00 MIN.  
 TO 49 DEG. 00 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 03 MIN

TIC

BASE TO GRAVESEND TO BRIGHTON TO 49 DEG. 19 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 00 MIN.  
 NORTH TO 49 DEG. 00 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 03 MIN. EAST TO I.P. TO  
 TARGET. TIC PLS

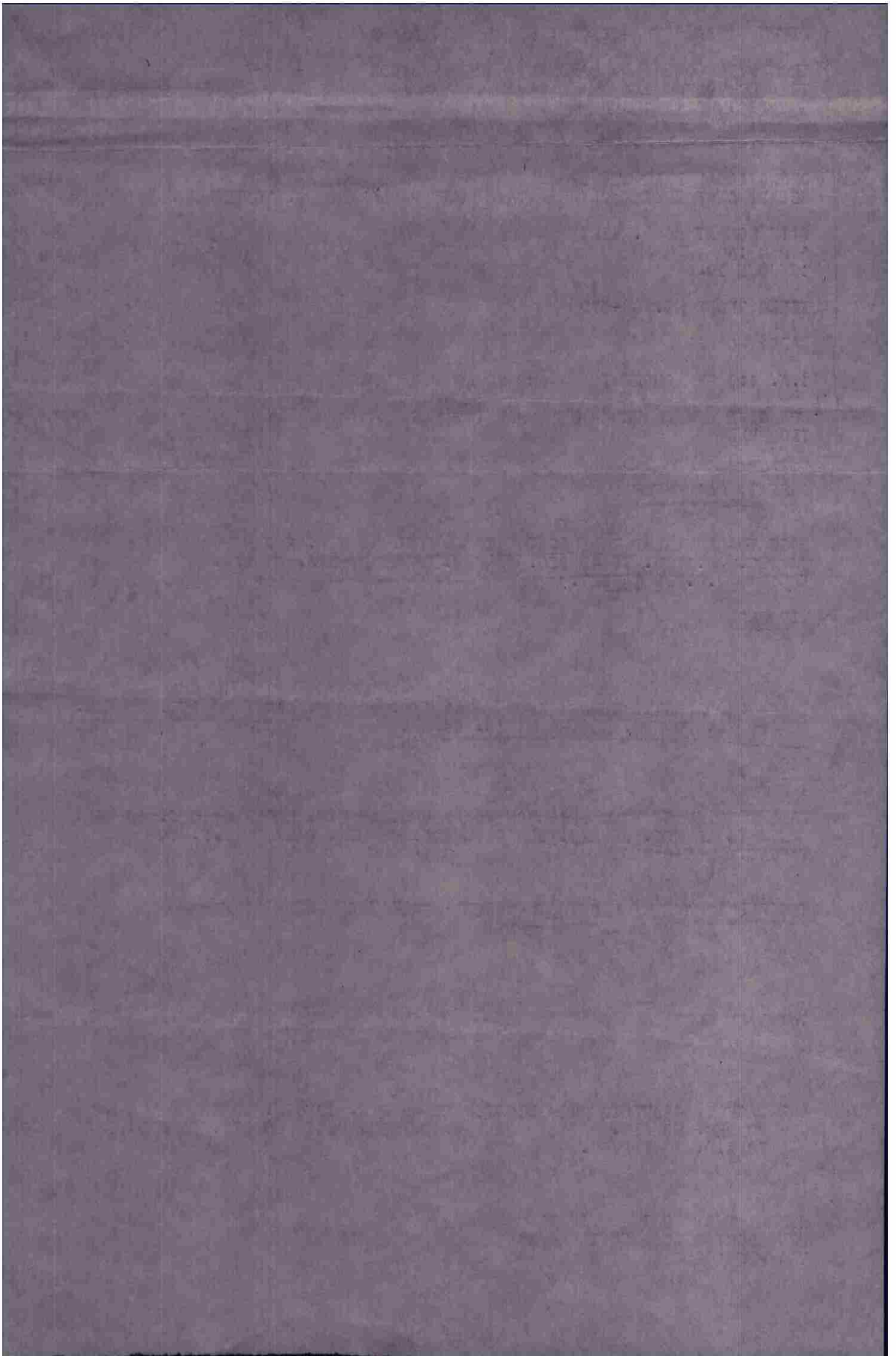
TIC PLS I HAVE MESSED THAT ONE UP THERE THE THREE TIMES HERE  
 IT IS RIGHT FOR ONCE TIC PLS

(4) BASE TO GRAN

{ (4) BASE TO GRAVESEND TO BRIGHTON TO 49 DEG. 19 MIN. NORTH  
 00 DEG. 00 MIN. EAST TO 49 DEG. 00 MIN. NORTH 00 DEG. 03 MIN. EAST  
 TO I.P. TO TARGEY.

HORRAY THAT IS IS TIC PLS  
 HOW ABOUT DISCONNECTING HAK HY HUH? TIC PLS  
 YAA PLS T B F R





OICOG OIYAA OIHAK OIGOF V OILAI 4/18 OP

FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMB WING 18/0920B U-109-E  
TO COMBOMCOM IX  
COBOMGP 410  
COBOMGP 409  
COBOMGP 416

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97TH COMBAT BOMB WING  
APO 140  
18 JUNE 1944

ANNEX NO. 3 TO FIELD ORDER 88-379

PAR X (8) ELIMINATE 49 DEG 02 MIN NORTH 01 DEG 08 MIN EAST

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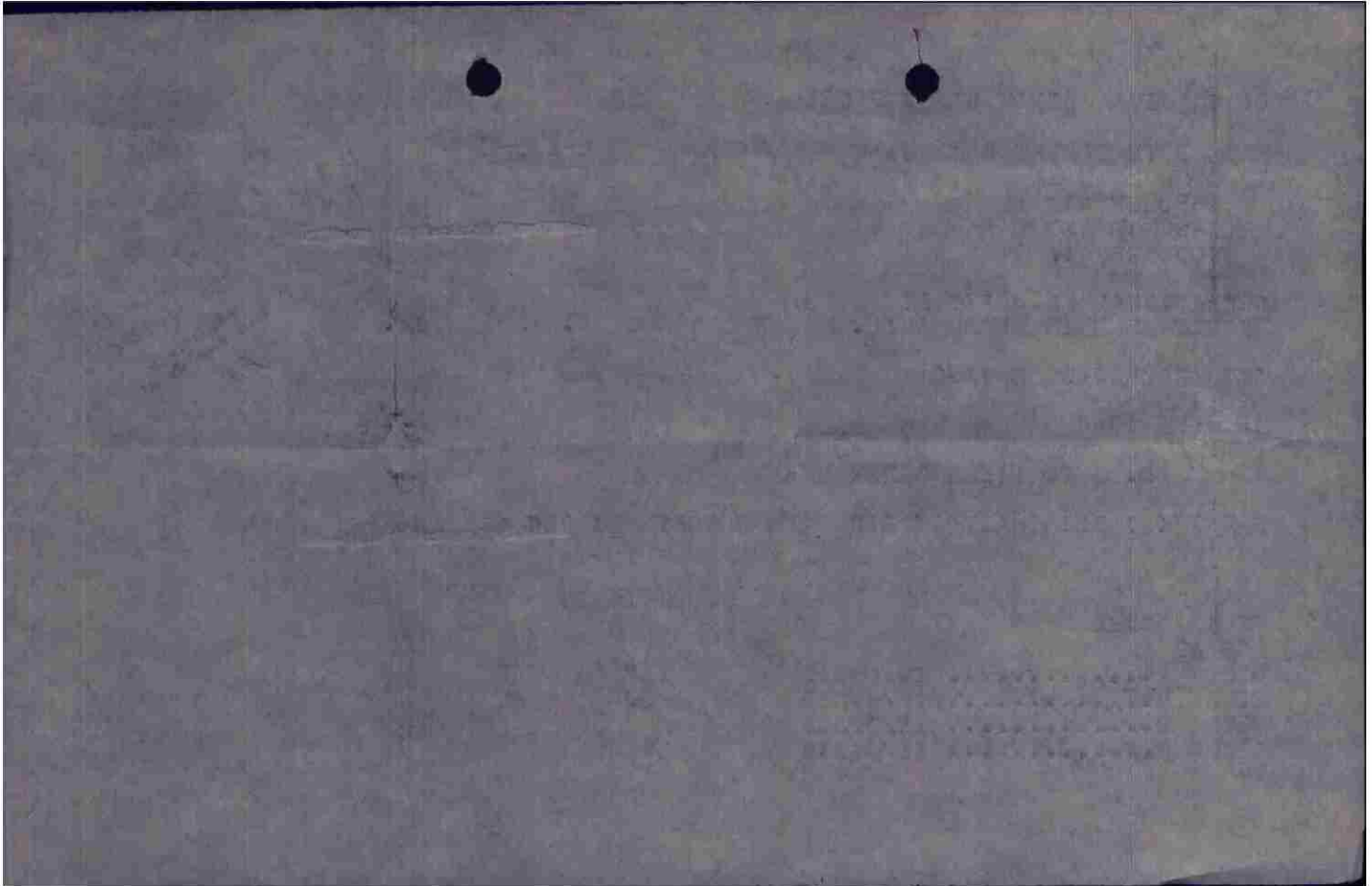
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OIHAK R..... 18/0931B  
OIYAA R..... 18/0931B  
OIGOF R..... 18/0931B

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A GP AR  
BRF AR

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OICOG OIHAK OIYAA OIGOF V OILAI OILAI 03/18 OP  
 FROM 97TH COMBAT BOMBARDMENT WING 18/0705B U-103-E  
 TO COMBOMCOM IX  
 409TH BOMB GROUP  
 410TH BOMB GROUP  
 416TH BOMB GROUP



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97TH COMBAT BOMB. WING  
 A P O 140  
 18 JUNE 1944

ANNEX NO. 2 TO F.O. 88-379

DELAY TIMES TWO HOURS.

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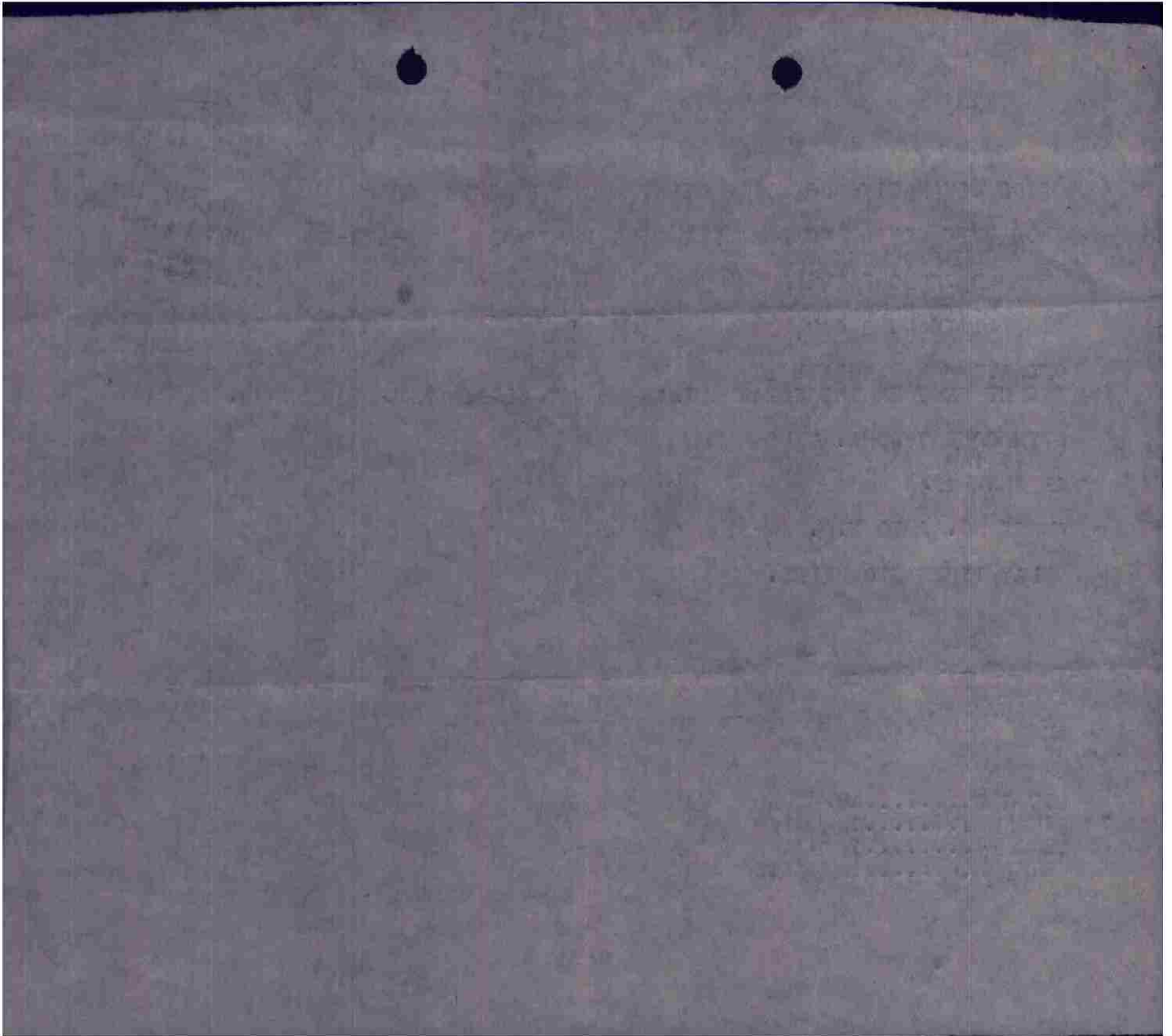
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OICOG R.....	18/0705B	BAD	AC
OIHAK R.....	18/0710B	FR	AR
OIGOF R.....	18/0710B	DB	-4
OIYAA R.....	18/0710B	GP	AR

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LOADING LIST  
BOX I  
FLIGHT I

18 JUNE 1944

1. 138 T  
MAJOR R A CLARK  
LT G W JONES  
S/S W E FIELDS  
S/S A L NIELSEN

4. 147 K  
LT W A PECK  
S/S A E BERGERON  
SGT R C HOFFMAN

2. 181 A  
LT W H LAND  
S/S S F ALDEN  
S/S R L BALLINGER

5. 189 F  
LT J S CONNOR  
SGT H C RODGERS  
SGT J E VAN DUYN

3. 840 V  
LT T BOUKAMP  
S/S R J COLOSIMO  
S/S N RADLICH

6. 717 N  
LT A J VLEGHELS  
SGT H W RICE  
SGT G E YOUNG

FLIGHT II

1. 719 V-1  
CAPT H F CONANT  
LT R T MCBRIEN  
SGT S P NEWELL  
S/S H R HEDRICK

4. 176 T-1  
LT G F BARTMUS  
S/S J R ORR  
S/S A J ANTANAITIS

2. 226 E  
LT L G FEEDE  
S/S L M DAUGHERTY  
S/S C L HIBBS

5. 9194 G  
LT S B RITCHIE  
S/S E A ANDERSON  
SGT H W SMITH

3. 975 W  
LT R K CRUZE  
S/S F L ADAIR  
S/S C F LOVE

6. 784 X  
LT R R SVENSON  
SGT P G FILD  
S/S G H PFENNING

FLIGHT III

1. 840 Z  
LT A E OSBORNE  
LT W FORMA  
S/S W H GOE  
S/S E E KELLY

4. 935 F  
LT J F NEAGHER  
S/S E A DAMICO  
SGT D HANTSKE

2. 745 I  
LT W E DOWNING  
S/S E S DICKENSON  
SGT K E HORNBECK

5. 684 K  
LT E B KREH  
SGT E SHELTON  
S/S D R SCHENCK

3. 210 Q  
LT R V MIRACLE  
S/S B G SIEG  
S/S J C BURKHALTER

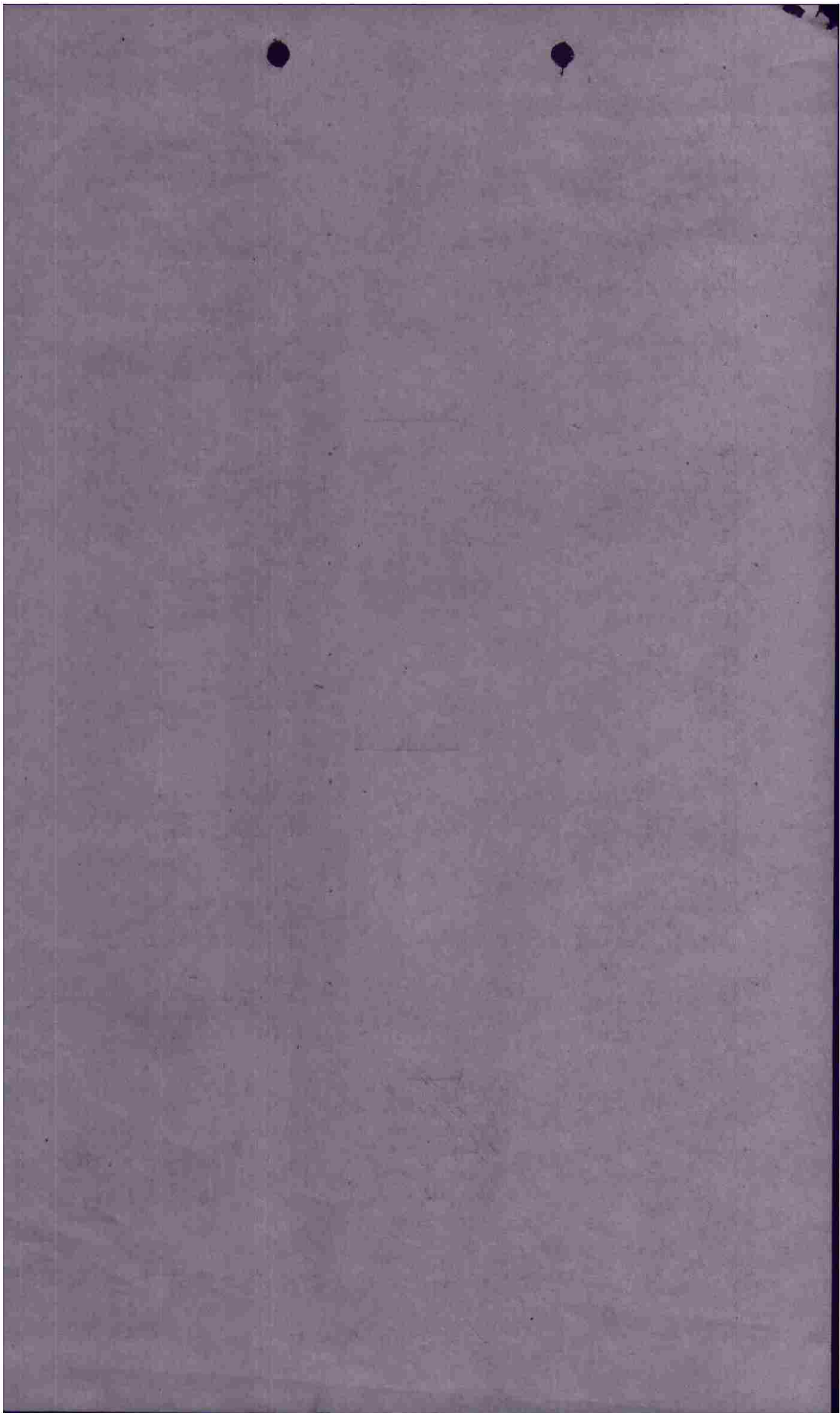
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LT C C WISH  
S/S G J CLARK  
SGT R F CHUSTZ

SPARE

907 O  
LT R D POINDEXTER  
T/S L G ROBBINS  
S/S D H SIMPSON

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BOX II  
FLIGHT I

18 JUNE 1944

1. 450 B  
LT H L BONNERS  
LT R J MCQUADE  
SGT C VAFIADIS  
SGT F M MELCHIOR

4. 202 B  
LT P F E MAGNANUS  
T/S W J KELLY  
S/S W J FERGUSON

2. 961 E  
LT M S STREET  
S/S C A PRINDELE  
S/S E T EPPS

5. 390 G  
LT N V SHAINBERG  
S/S C L WEBB  
S/S F M CITY

3. 929 C  
LT E E DEMUN  
S/S M ROSENSTEIN  
S/S H O CARNEY

6. 900 Q  
LT W F TRIPP  
SGT J G SCOTT  
S/S D R MALLORY

FLIGHT II

1. 645 R  
CAPT L F DUNN  
LT H T ARRINGTON  
T/S J R L TANNER  
S/S W C RUSSELL

4. 724 A  
LT H P COLE  
LT J T BECK  
S/S B G FANDRE  
S/S F R CHVATAL

2. 220 E-1  
LT T J MURRAY  
SGT D H DESOWER  
SGT R J JONES

5. 363 L  
LT J H MILLER  
SGT R G SCHROM  
SGT J GALENDER

3. 714 N  
LT F W HENDERSON  
SGT R M GRISWOLD  
SGT P E COULOMBE

6. 214 C-1  
LT G L ESTES  
S/S C R ORVOLD  
SGT A E DIMARTINO

FLIGHT III

1. 467 W  
CAPT G M McNULTY  
LT F H BURSILL  
S/S H E WHITE  
S/S R F ADDELMAN

4. 689 I  
LT P G ATKINSON  
S/S J C SWAFFORD  
S/S P F GLYNN

2. 167 F  
LT N G BROWN  
SGT L MARTINEZ  
SGT E F FAULES

5. 227 F  
LT R B HALL  
S/S D S BLACKFORD  
S/S L BURGER

3. 224 E-2  
LT L R McBRIDE  
SGT J MCKEE  
S/S R EUTSLER

6. 680 R-1  
LT D T SOMMERS  
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SGT J L JOHNSON

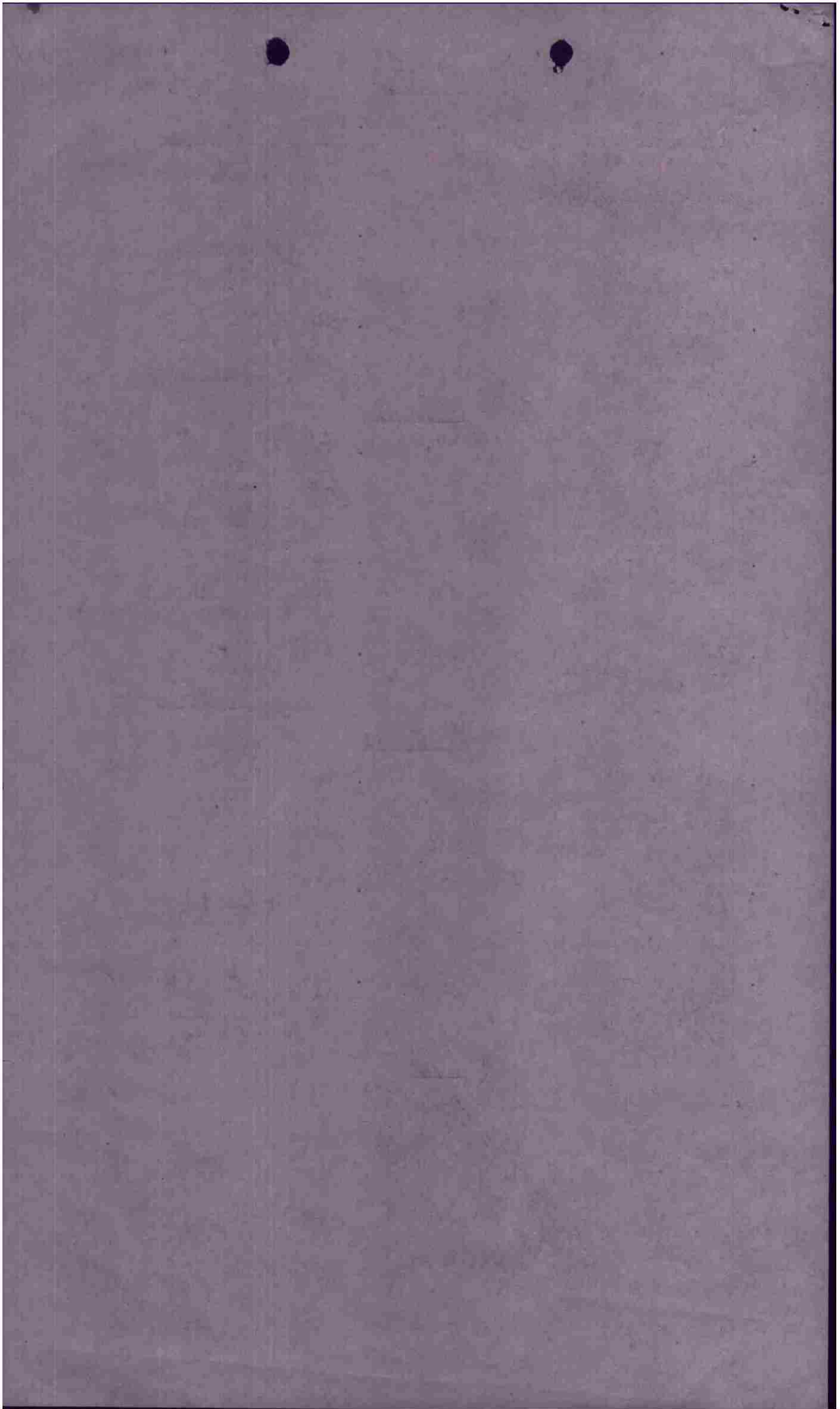
SPARE

937 B-1  
LT H D ANDREWS  
S/S C M COOK  
S/S E R WERLEY

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as requested*





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AUTH: CG STA

DATE: 20 June 1944

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HEADQUARTERS  
416TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)  
Office of the Commanding Officer

TO: Commanding General, Ninth Air Force (Rear), APO 696, U. S. Army.  
Attn: 26th Statistical Control.

From: 416th Bombardment Group (L), APO 140, U.S. Army.

Ref: Oprep A No. 79 for 24 hrs. ending midnight 18 June 1944  
Mission or Operation No. 79

A. Short Narrative of Operation:

Target Forêt de Conches  
Place of take-off AAF Station 170  
Place of landing AAF Station 170  
Take-off time 0942 Landing time 1232  
Time over target No attack Bombing Altitude No attack  
Nature of mission Bombing Other None  
Weather 10/10 stratocumulus with tops 5,000 feet. Visibility 10 miles plus  
Results No attack  
Enemy opposition None

B. Type & model of aircraft:

1. Dispatched 30 A-20G's  
6 A-20J's

2. Attacking target (indicate target) or completing mission.  
None

3. Abortive due to:  
(1) Weather: 30 A-20G's - 10/10 stratocumulus tops to 5,000 feet  
6 A-20J's  
(2) Personnel: None  
(3) Mechanical: None  
(4) Other: None

4. Missing (i.e. cause and place unknown) None

5. Destroyed - before reaching target None  
giving cause where known

6. Destroyed - over or after leaving None  
target giving cause where known

7. Damaged (give category & cause) None

8. Sorties 30 A-20G's  
6 A-20J's

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FORM 374 (cont'd)

GEORGE SOHNENKIN,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

For the Commanding Officer:

- a. Destroyed
- b. Prop. Dam.
- c. Damaged

H. Show aircraft by type or description (tentative claims):

Type of	Pilot	Co-pilot	Nav	Bomb	1. Gun	2. Gun	3. Gun	4. Gun	5. Gun	6. Gun	7. Gun	8. Gun	9. Gun	10. Gun	11. Gun	12. Gun	13. Gun	14. Gun	15. Gun	16. Gun	17. Gun	18. Gun	19. Gun	20. Gun	21. Gun	22. Gun	23. Gun	24. Gun	25. Gun	26. Gun	27. Gun	28. Gun	29. Gun	30. Gun	31. Gun	32. Gun	33. Gun	34. Gun	35. Gun	36. Gun	37. Gun	38. Gun	39. Gun	40. Gun	41. Gun	42. Gun	43. Gun	44. Gun	45. Gun	46. Gun	47. Gun	48. Gun	49. Gun	50. Gun	51. Gun	52. Gun	53. Gun	54. Gun	55. Gun	56. Gun	57. Gun	58. Gun	59. Gun	60. Gun	61. Gun	62. Gun	63. Gun	64. Gun	65. Gun	66. Gun	67. Gun	68. Gun	69. Gun	70. Gun	71. Gun	72. Gun	73. Gun	74. Gun	75. Gun	76. Gun	77. Gun	78. Gun	79. Gun	80. Gun	81. Gun	82. Gun	83. Gun	84. Gun	85. Gun	86. Gun	87. Gun	88. Gun	89. Gun	90. Gun	91. Gun	92. Gun	93. Gun	94. Gun	95. Gun	96. Gun	97. Gun	98. Gun	99. Gun	100. Gun
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G. Own Personnel Casualties:

- a. Total Returned
- b. Lost or wrecked on missing e/c
- c. Retained
- d. Expended on operations (list targets separately)

- e. Bombs, flares, etc. used:
- f. Total carried into air:
- g. Expended on operations
- h. Lost on wrecked or missing e/c
- i. Total carried into air
- j. Ammunition by caliber:

- k. Night (Sunset to sunrise)
- l. Day (Sunrise to sunset)
- m. Total operational flying hours

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HEADQUARTERS  
416TH BOMB GROUP (L)  
OFFICE OF THE WEATHER OFFICER

APO 140  
18 June 1944

*Interd.*

SUBJECT: Interrogation Report

TO : Staff Weather Officer, Headquarters IX  
Bomber Command, APO 140, U.S. Army.

BASE AT TAKEOFF: Visibility 7 miles. 4/10 to 5/10  
stratocumulus at 2,500 feet.

ROUTE OUT: 4/10 to 5/10 stratocumulus from 2,000 to 3,000  
feet. Visibility 6 to 8 miles except 5 miles  
in London area. Visibility over channel 10  
miles plus. First part of channel clear.  
5 miles from French coast was an overcast of  
stratocumulus with tops estimated 5,000 feet.  
Cloud layer extended inland over target area.

TARGET: 10/10 stratocumulus with tops 5,000 feet. Visibility  
10 miles plus.

ROUTE BACK: Similar to route out except 2/10 to 3/10  
stratocumulus over England on return.

BASE OF RETURN: Visibility 10 miles. 2/10 stratocumulus  
and cumulus at 2,000 feet.

WINDS: As forecast.

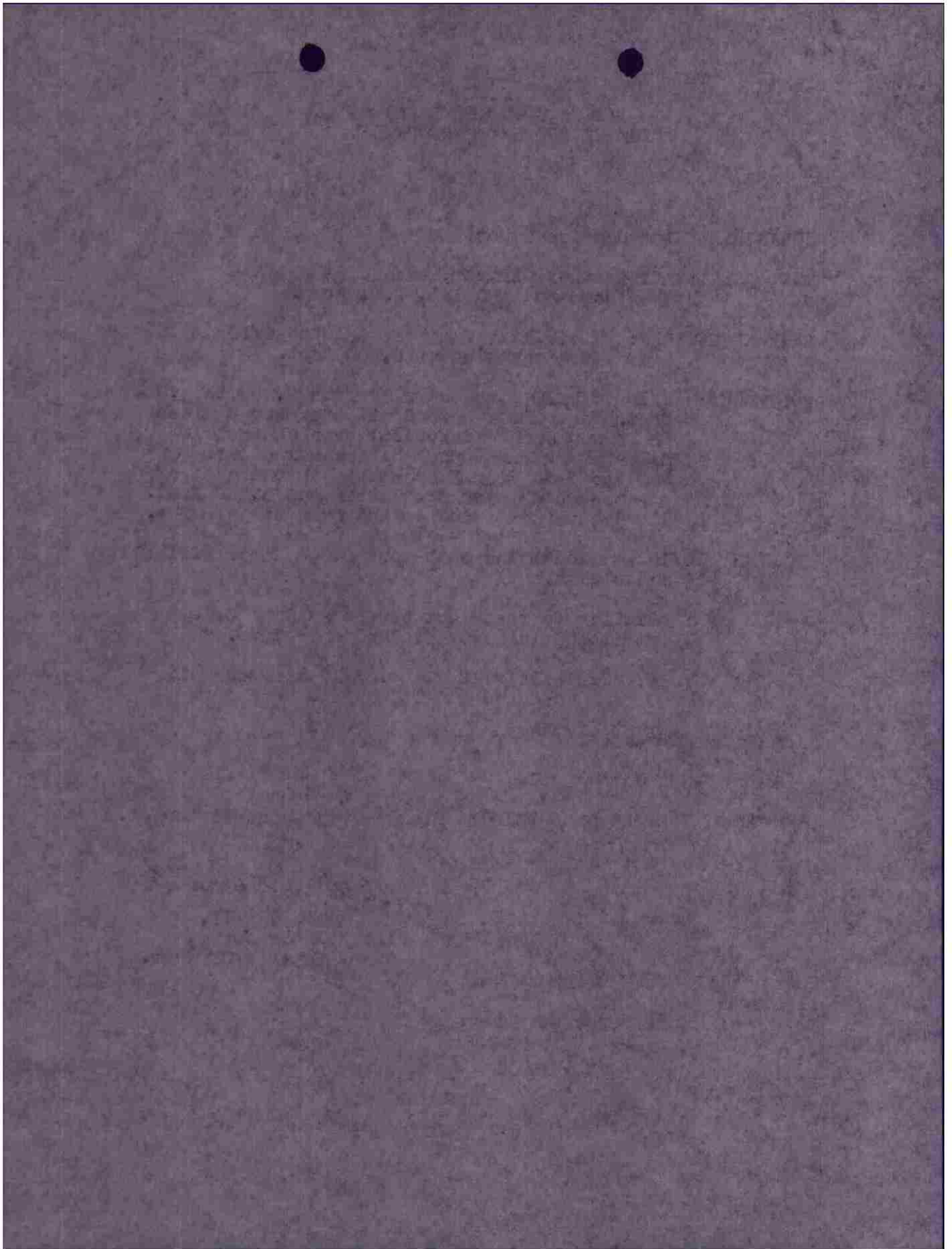
TIME OVER TARGET: 1109

EFFECT OF WEATHER ON BOMBING: Cloud cover obscured target.

*Walter D. Castle*  
WALTER D. CASTLE,  
1st Lt. Air Corps,  
Staff Weather Officer.

1 Incl  
2 Route Forecast Forms.

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WETHERS FIELD TAKEOFF - 0945  
 416TH BOMB GP (L) RETURN - 1210

DATE 18 JUNE 1944  
 PERIOD 0800 - 1200  
 Hq SOS USAPP 9-43/90M/15227

# OPERATIONAL ROUTE FORECAST

	A BASE TO TARGET	B TARGET	C TARGET TO BASE	D
WEATHER	1 LIGHT HAZE	CLEAR	PARTLY CLOUDY	
CLOUDS	2 4-9/10 STRATOCUMULUS BASE - 1500 - 2000 FT TOPS 3-4,000 FT BECOMING NIL-9/10 OVER CONTINENT AND	NIL CLOUDS	SAME AS ROUTE OUT	
ICING	3 NIL	NIL	NIL	
VISIBILITY	4 3-6 MILES	5-10 MILES	5-10 MILES	
HEIGHT	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY	DIRECTION VELOCITY
SURFACE	N-NE 6-12			
5,000 FT	10 22			
14,000 FT	10 36			
14,000 FT	360 42			
15,000 FT	360 46			
FT				
FT				
BASE ALT METER SETTING 36,25		TARGET SURFACE TEMP +10°C TEMP. AT 12,000 FT. -2°C		TARGET MEAN TEMP +15°C TARGET SURFACE (PRESSURE-ALT T) +32.5

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# AIRCRAFT REPORT

TIME \_\_\_\_\_ BASE TO COAST \_\_\_\_\_ OVER CHANNEL OR SEA \_\_\_\_\_ OVER CONTINENT & TARGET \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

ALTITUDE \_\_\_\_\_

CLOUD BELOW AIRCRAFT	AMOUNTS AND TYPE

CLOUD ABOVE AIRCRAFT	HEIGHT OF BASE AND TOP

VISIBILITY \_\_\_\_\_

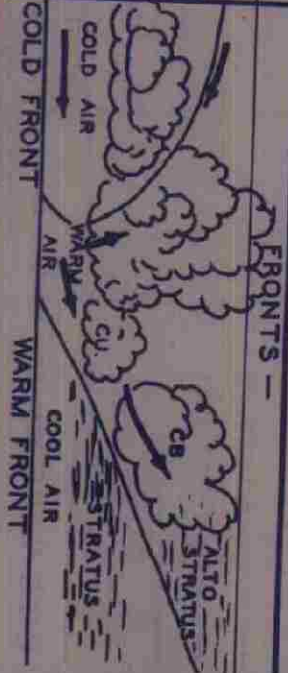
TEMPERATURE \_\_\_\_\_

WINDS \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: AS WEATHER ENCOUNTERED, FRONTAL POSITIONS, ETC.

NOTE: AT LEAST ONE COMPLETE OBSERVATION SHOULD BE ENTERED IN EACH COLUMN. THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS CARD HELPED YOU - WON'T YOU GIVE THE NEXT FELLOW A BREAK!

CLOUD TYPES AND ABBREVIATIONS  
 LOW CLOUDS = ST-STRATUS  
                   SC-STRATOCUMULUS  
 MIDDLE CLOUDS = AS-ALTOSTRATUS  
                       AC-ALTOCUMULUS  
 HIGH CLOUDS = CI-CIRRUS  
                   CS-CIRROSTRATUS  
 CLOUDS OF VERTICAL EXTENT =  
 CU-CUMULUS   CB-CUMULONIMBUS



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C O N F I D E N T I A L

FROM COBOMGR 416  
TO COCBTBOMWIG 97TH ATT: SIG O

A - YS - 75

B - 18 JUNE 1944

C - 3B A/C

D - 689 - Q - VHF WEAK, RETUNED AND CHECKED OKAY.  
689 - V - INTERPHONE FROM TUNNEL WEAK, CHECKED WIRING.  
689 - N - NOISY INTERPHONE, WIRING REPAIRED AND CHECKED OKAY.

E - 2 A/C QDM'S FROM WETHERSFIELD.

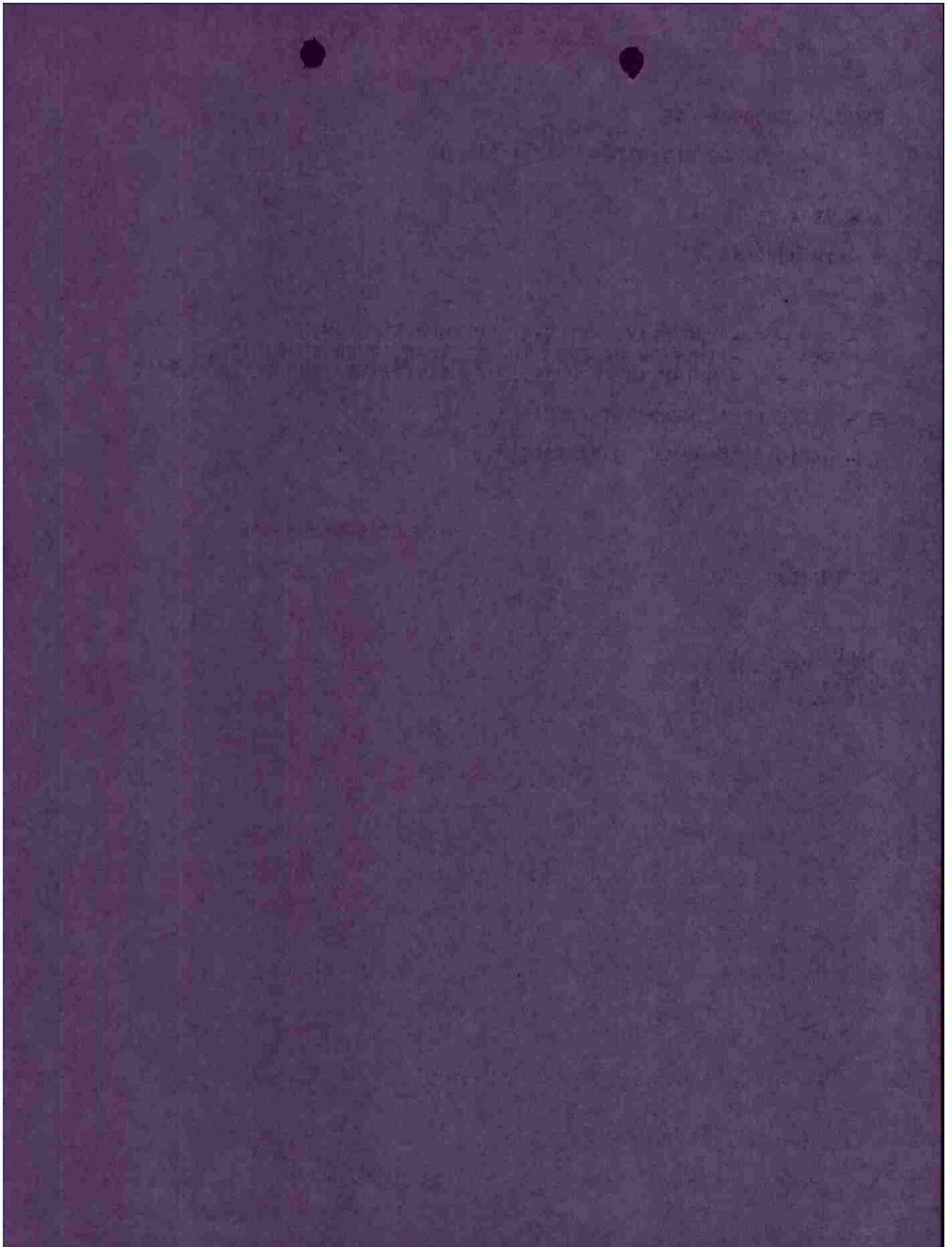
F - RADIO PERFORMANCE SATISFACTORY.

MACE COBOMGR 416

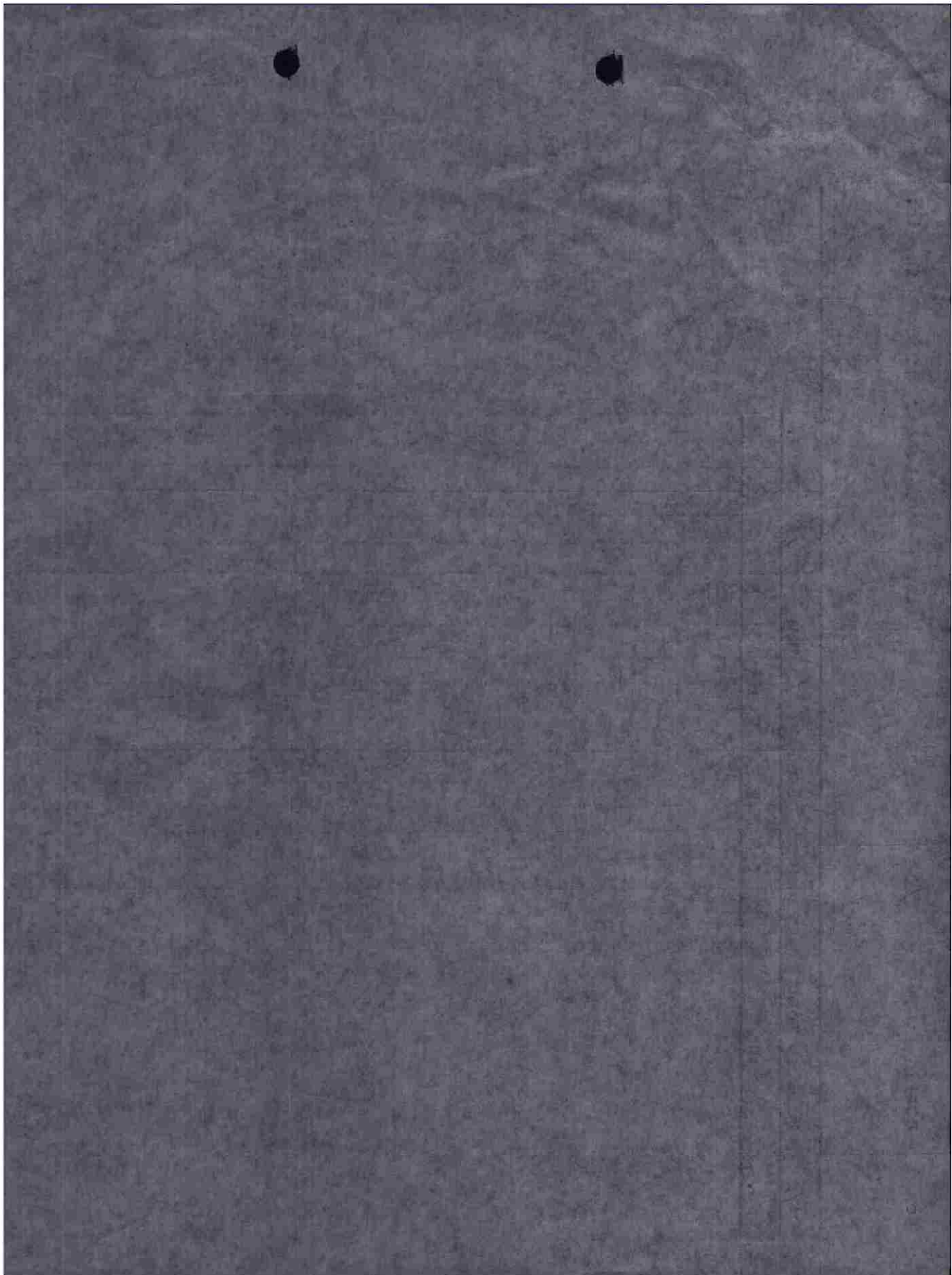
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CAPT, AIR CORPS,  
SIG O.





Box #	OpsFl	Date	I/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O-TOT	15 min.	A/C	
									Fall to Bomb	Reason
		ATT	Bomb Disp	A/C Dem	E/A	Pers.				
		F S O	F S J F R	M D A A C B E	D P D K W M					
II		18-6-44		Fort De Condor		W. Summers				
1	450			4		Summers		450		
2	961			6		W. Summers		961		
3	929			4		W. Summers		929		
4	202			4		W. Summers		202		
5	390			6		W. Summers		390		
6	900			4		W. Summers		900		
1	685			4		W. Summers		685		
2	520			4		W. Summers		520		
3	714			4		W. Summers		714		
4	724			4		W. Summers		724		
5	363			4		W. Summers		363		
6	214			4		W. Summers		214		
1	467			2		W. Summers		467		
2	0157			6		W. Summers		0157		
3	224			4		W. Summers		224		
4	687			4		W. Summers		687		
5	227			4		W. Summers		227		
6	680			4		W. Summers		680		
7	937			2		W. Summers		937		
				82						



Box #	Opsfl	Date	F/O	Target	Alt.	Box Leader	T/O	15 min.	ATT		Bomb Disp		A/C Dam		E/A		Pers.	
									F	S	F	S	M	D	A	A		D
1		18-6-44		Forest & Conches		May. Clark					2	4						Clark 135
2											2	4						Burkhardt 840
3											2	4						181 Right Burdett 147
4											2	4						147
5											4	4						Wagner 717
6											4	4						189
1											6	6						
2											6	6						
3											6	6						
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5											6	6						
6											6	6						
1											4	4						Carroll 719
2											4	4						640
3											4	4						719
4											4	4						719
5											2	4						Murphy 210
6											2	4						745-970
7											2	4						226
1											4	4						Barlow 935
2											4	4						176
3											4	4						Barlow
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6											4	4						176
7											4	4						Barlow
											12	82						84
											2	82						84
											14	164						764
																		9194
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